

Pat Deatherage, Freshman, Reigns At Seventeenth 'Crossroads' Ball

Miss Patty Deatherage was crowned Crossroads Queen by Student Senate President Walt James in an impressive ceremony at the Woman's Club, Friday night, February 19. Attended by the remaining four candidates, the Joplin Junior College coed reigned over the annual coronation ball sponsored by the yearbook staff.

In an atmosphere of blue and silver, soft lights and dreamy music, Miss Deatherage was escorted to a beautiful throne, constructed in the form of a treble clef. She was attended by Miss Suzanne Ranum, Miss Mary Brookshire, Miss Diana Martin, Miss Charlene Dale, and Miss Patty Gray, 1953 Crossroads Queen. The attendants were escorted by their campaign managers.

Nominations and Campaign

The Coronation climaxed a week of active campaigning. Students of J. J. C. selected the five candidates on February 5 from a list of fifteen nominated for the honor. Banners and novel advertisements began to appear in behalf of each candidate by Friday, February 12.

Signs, progressing up the stairs, hanging from lockers, and suspended in every direction from the ceiling, literally filled the halls. Even a monkey with the slogan, "Don't monkey around . . ." hung from the second floor ceiling. Like an old-fashioned political campaign, a loud speaker blared from the top of Blaine Hall, ordering music and announcements, urging students to get out and vote for their particular candidate.

Assembly

Climaxing the feverish campaigning and sign painting on the part of campaign managers, was the Crossroads assembly, Wednesday morning, February 17, at 10:00. Here each group presented skits and stunts extolling the virtues of the particular candidate and exhibiting reasons why theirs would make a "wonderful Queen."

First on the program was Dick Humphrey who was making a plea for supporters for Patty Deatherage. By means of candid camera views, he attempted to show Patty's progress in society from birth until the present. He was interrupted several times, however, by a group of girls who called themselves the "Chain Gang" and who seemed enthusiastic that everyone vote for Patty. The first snap depicted Patty climbing the ladder of success in infancy. The second snap pictured Patty as a great leader, even in grade school fights, and the third view showed her extremely active as a cheerleader in high school. Shirley Nevitt did a cheerleader tap dance portraying this fact. The last scene of the skit was a distinguished composer, Jim Drennan, who had composed words to the tune of "Five Foot Two" in behalf of Patty's virtues. He played his ukulele as he offered his rendition.

Bob Capps appeared as campaign manager for Mary Brookshire. Mr. Capps, along with an assistant, presented a "Time of March" program, which showed events on a particular day in the old Alma Mater, J. J. C. At the "time," members of the Intellectual Society were holding a meeting to decide the qualifications of a certain candidate for Crossroads Queen, Miss Mary Brookshire. In order to decide on her merits, Professor Nutzenboltz, Capps himself, headed the committee in bringing various personalities of Mur's acquaintance to speak out

in behalf of her qualifications. The skit was climaxed by Mur herself appearing to "thank everyone for getting me this far."

Next was the section of the program, headed by Bob Jackson, who spoke in behalf of Miss Charlene Dale. The skit was a take-off from the immortal "Hamlet," in which the ghost of Hamlet's father was haunting Hamlet because his death had been caused when he voted for Charlene. His death was duly revenged, and Charlene herself was presented smiling to the audience.

The fourth skit of the program was introduced by Walt James, who directed someone to pull the curtain so that everyone might observe "Butch the Butcher," a modern character similar to the notorious Jack the Ripper of eighteenth century London. It seems that Butch the Butcher stalked the halls of J. J. C. on Wednesdays looking for a certain girl. Because he was unsuccessful in his search, he affected a change in the simplest coed and promptly murdered each of them, always returning to wash his hands in the "River Turkey." At last, he found the girl for whom he was searching, and he promptly introduced her to the audience as "... my Queen who would like to be your Queen, too." Butch Carter was Miss Suzanne Ranum's campaign manager.

In the final skit of the program, Mike Roth presented Miss Diana Martin. Through the use of a recently discovered machine, Mr. Roth brought forth "The Greatest Queens of all Ages." First appeared the beautiful Cleopatra, Helen of Troy, Queen Elizabeth I, and the modern queen of our times, Marilyn Monroe. Each of these Queens explained her personal virtues, but admitted that there was one girl of J. J. C., who deserved to join their ranks as a Queen, and that was Miss Diana Martin. At last, Mr. Roth introduced Diana as "one of the most beautiful and most intelligent queens of today."

Voting began immediately following the assembly at 11:00 a.m. and ended on Thursday at noon.

Sponsors of the College yearbook staff are Mr. Harry C. Gockel, Mr. Robert Stratton, and Miss Ada Coffey.

Free Movie Tonight

Tonight, February 26, Theta Mu Gamma will give the public and all students an opportunity to see the movie of the opera, "The Marriage of Figaro" by Mozart. The music fraternity, in cooperation with the assembly committee, has arranged for the film to be shown in the Joplin Junior College library at 8:00 p.m., free of charge.



(Courtesy of Globe)

Miss Patty Deatherage, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Deatherage of Joplin, is shown above

with her attendants. Reading Miss Charlene Dale, and Miss Mary Brookshire.



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'Cloak and Dagger' Expert to Speak at The Next Assembly

Mr. Dan T. Moore, former ranking counter-intelligence officer for the Office of Strategic Services in the Middle East, will speak at Joplin Junior College Wednesday, March 3, on the subject "Exciting Adventures in the O.S.S."

Mr. Moore is a recognized analyst and journalist on world affairs and has had an extensive career in the "cloak and dagger" profession.

During World War II he was Executive Assistant to the Chief of X-2 in Washington. This was the counter-intelligence agency of the Office of Strategic Service.

Acting in this capacity for several months, he was assigned as top man in the X-2 counter-intelligence headquarters at Cairo, Egypt. This organization had several hundred persons on active duty throughout the Middle-East.

Mr. Moore is now an industrial consultant in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing on Washington and foreign problems.

Dan T. Moore



Distributive Education Convention To Begin March 2 at Connor Hotel

More than 200 delegates are expected to attend the annual convention of the Missouri Chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America to be held March 2 and 3 at the Connor Hotel in Joplin. According to a report from Mr. Robert Stratton, director of distributive education at Joplin Junior College, the cities of St. Louis, Brookfield, El Dorado Springs, Springfield, and Joplin, will be represented in the delegation.

Registration of delegates will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 2. A banquet will follow from 6:30 to 8:30 on the Connor Roof, and the evening will conclude with a style show from 8:45 to 10:15.

Prominent Speakers

The principal speaker at the banquet will be Mr. Roy Oscarson, sales manager of the Edison Shoe Company of St. Louis, Missouri. Other speakers include a distinguished guest from Washington, D. C., Mr. G. Henry Richert. Mr. Richert is a distributive education specialist, and the Missouri convention will be the first state D. E. convention that he has attended. Members of the local D. E. Club say that Mr. Richert's presence speaks well of the importance of the meeting, which is the first Missouri convention of Distributive Education clubs to be held outside of St. Louis.

Highlighting the style show will be models from the student body of Joplin Junior College. Robert Heater, speech instructor, will act as narrator, and outfits for the models will be furnished by Christman's, Newman's and Ramsay's Department Stores.

Contests Wednesday

Wednesday, the last day of the convention, will bring a series of contests for individual participation. They will occur in the morning in the following order: Window Display Judging Contest, judging displays in four local

firms; Public Speaking Contest; and Job Application Contest, in which contestants will apply for jobs and be interviewed by personnel directors in local firms. These contests and the style show are designed to show possibilities for careers, following the convention theme, "Careers in Retailing."

The meeting will close Wednesday afternoon with the annual election and installation of officers.

Heater's Play Cast To Tour Four Cities With Moliere Drama

Robert Heater, director of speech and drama, has announced that the spring production, "Tartuffe," will tour for at least four performances in the larger regional towns. This is the first attempt by Joplin Junior College players to travel with a production. Mr. Heater revealed that only a few junior colleges in the nation have ever gone on tour. In addition to the tour, the comedy satire by Moliere will be presented for three performances in the J. J. C. auditorium, April 8, 9, and 10.

The play is from the mid-seventeenth century period and revolves around Tartuffe, an impostor who has an ability to capitalize on the gullibility and incredulity of the people he is able to deceive.

'One World' or One Country?

February being the month of multi-birthdays, we need only to glance at the calendar to consolidate our celebrating upon some late president. Many of us have retained a childhood adoration for George Washington and fervently hope that we are not alone in our zeal for the first president, who has come to represent so much more than his greatly characterized honesty.

Were our statesmen of today endowed with small portions of sincerity, patriotism, and unselfish devotion to their mother country, we would not likely find ourselves in a condition that places us at the disposal of every forlorn country of the world.

It is indeed a sad state of neglect when the needy within our boundaries are left comparatively unaided, while billions in dollars and resources are being given to, lent to, or stolen by other countries.

While we have no solution on hand, we might possibly suggest disregarding the popular "one world" philosophy in favor of an up-to-date "one country" adaptation. Reasoning thus, we can only conclude that the individual country ranks supreme in comparison with its allies. We should like to emphasize the importance of the individual country, rather than the important individuals of the country. It is the latter interpretation that has led us into three foul wars, and that is presently directing all efforts to engage us in another such misdemeanor.

The one-world philosophy proclaims that all countries are akin and thoroughly obliged to unite in joint welfare. The result of such a policy can only drain a strong country of its resources while fattening up its satellites. Such action betrays the stronger country into the palms of its allies.

Were we fortunate enough to have men of the caliber of George Washington contributing to our generation, perhaps the outlook would not appear so black. We sincerely hope that the philosophies of our earlier presidents will rapidly replace the currently popular tactics of our contemporary "statesmen."

Lloyd Douglas Portrays Simon Peter In Pious Novel, 'The Big Fisherman'

The Big Fisherman by Lloyd C. Douglas is a book of particular significance in glimpsing a human picture of Christ and His disciples. Douglas is a superb narrator and tells the old story in a different, exciting manner, injecting new blood into the greatest plot ever conceived. It is indeed the work of a master craftsman and provides a stimulating literary experience for the reader, regardless of Biblical inclinations or the absence thereof.

The story centers about the author's interpretation of Simon Peter. Peter, as Douglas sees him, is a large, outspoken fisherman of Galilee who has developed a scornful approach of religion. Among his friends, he is well-liked despite his arrogance and overbearing nature. Concerning the stories of the Carpenter from Nazareth, Simon is cynical and slightly amused; but curiosity compels him to hear this Man and from that time on Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus of Nazareth as his Master.

The book assimilates many different factors other than the big fisherman. It is an accurate account of the Arabic-Judean feud, of the Roman role in Jewish life, and, above all, of the influence of Christ Himself. Our Lord is so skillfully portrayed, one almost feels he is reading the Bible other than the work of a contemporary author. Douglas has done extensive research on the subject though and has come up with a living Christ, whose personality is real and open to all. When Christ is sad, the reader is heart-stricken. When Christ is happy, the reader is elated. And when our Lord is mistreated and crucified, it is indeed a black hour for the reader.

Douglas seems to portray Peter in three periods: the Peter before he met the Carpenter, as

discussed previously the Peter that followed Christ during His Lifetime; and the Peter who rose to such great heights after our Lord died. The Peter of the second period was very weak and very human. He was also a rather possessive disciple and appeared to regard the great multitudes as his show and Christ as his main exhibit. Jesus loved him greatly, however, and saw his virtues were many in proportion to his faults. After the resurrection of Christ, Simon Peter was endowed with superhuman power and became truly the "Rock of the Church." His last words before his own crucifixion were:

"Last night in a dream I saw the King. He was standing on a high hill, gazing entreatingly into the far distance, across the mountains, plains, and seas. And I hear him saying, in sorrow: 'You would not come unto me that you might have life!'"

If you're looking for a moral uplift in the form of a splendid story supplemented by some good historical evaluation, *The Big Fisherman* cannot fail to satisfy you.

Rosemary Mense

Dick Pond, '53 Alum, Presents Originals

Dick Pond, former art major at J.J.C. who studies dress designing at K.S.T.C., has been holding several fashion shows both at Joplin and Pittsburg. The two latest have been for the Soroptimist Club in Joplin and a club at Pittsburg.

Several of his former classmates who now attend Joplin Junior College have been modeling his creations. They are Patty Gray, Nancy Forkum, Charlene Dale, Suzanne Stinson, Suzanne Ranum, Cecelia Veatch, Bobbie

Sparkling Sophomore Knows Crossroads March

One night long ago in February, 1938, a little girl of four years tripped up the aisle of the ballroom of Sagamont Inn, sprinkling rose petals before the first Queen of the Crossroads, Miss Edith Lundien. The child looked around wide-eyed, admiring the beautiful girls, wondering exactly what was happening.

In 1954 this same little girl had another opportunity to see what it was all about, for she was one of the candidates for Queen of the Crossroads and was again in the royal procession. Suzanne Ranum, a daughter of Mrs. Fairie Ranum and the late Mr. Norman Ranum who taught in Joplin Junior College, was a most logical choice for flower girl at that first spring coronation.

Susie is familiar to us still as a "wide-eyed little" girl, but now she almost always knows what is going on. She is an active and very valuable member of many organizations on the campus of J.J.C. Susie, a music major, is a member of Theta Mu Gamma. She belongs to Phi Theta Kappa. She is chairman of music for the Y.W.C.A., secretary of College Players, and an energetic student senator.

Clad in jeans and high up on a step ladder she is the person we usually see decorating for the mixer or the dance in the auditorium. One of her friends once told a stranger how to identify the busy sophomore by saying, "If you see a figure dashing down the hall with a dust mop in her hand, it's probably Susie." But



her sparkling eyes say she has fun doing the dirty work.

Susie's tastes are varied as one can see by the several organizations she belongs to, and by the fact that her favorite magazines are *The New Yorker* and *Donald Duck Funnies*.

Apparently Susie is without many troubles. She is easy-going, but she does have a pet peeve. It is the fact that always on Saturday morning, after a late Friday night date, she must get up and be at work by 7:00 a.m.

Susie was a Queen of the Crossroads attendant last year. (Other 1954 Crossroads candidates have been personally sketched in preceding issues of the *Chart*. We felt that we wanted to give Susie a well-deserved vote of "Thanks" for her two years of valuable citizenship at J.J.C.)

We Were So Ashamed

We were so ashamed one day last week when we counted the twenty-five cups and saucers and the five trays that were left in the den for the custodian to carry back to the cafeteria. But we were more ashamed this week when we noticed the display of immaturity printed on the west wall of our main building. We wonder what satisfaction any one of our classmates could possibly receive from such actions. Can we comfort ourselves by being thoughtless, by not caring? What inward reward can people gain by this sort of thing?

Surely we all realize that if we can take no better care of the property we have, that we will by no means get the bigger and better college building that we have wanted for so long. These things are unfair, terribly unfair, to other students. The people who did them must know that.

We realize that people our age need something "exciting" to do all of the time. But, is the world not full of things that we can do without causing others more work or without being destructive?

Three Shorthand Students Master Dictation Speeds

Marilyn Lewis, Daisy Snow, and Billie Owens passed qualifying shorthand tests last week. Marilyn is the first J.J.C. student to pass a 120-word test this year.

Billie passed a 100-word test and Daisy a 60-word test. Each girl took dictation for five minutes at her particular speed and transcribed her notes with ninety-five per cent accuracy or above.

Laster, Amelie Hobart, Diana Martin, and Marion Smith. Mrs. Robert Heater also assisted him by modeling a dress.

Some of his current classmates at K.S.T.C. also assisted him. Among the Pittsburg models was Doris Smith, an alumna of J.J.C.

John Braeckel and Ron Richter have been masters of ceremonies.

Walt James has been aiding with the programs as vocalist.

Planned Parenthood Association Issues 1954 Essay Subjects

"Planning Your Family, a Democratic Privilege" or "Population and Human Destiny" are subjects for the 1954 Essay Contest sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Association of Kansas City, Missouri. According to information received by Mr. Lloyd Dryer, sociology instructor, the contest in which cash prizes will be awarded is open to all college students in Missouri and Kansas. The purpose of the contest is to educate youth to the importance of family planning as it relates to them and the world in which they live.

The subjects cover such broad fields that students may wish to limit their papers to some specific area related to their major interest, such as special economic factors, juvenile delinquency, divorce or marital discord, morality or religion, housing, legal problems, medical care, nutrition, child or maternal health, mental or emotional health, hereditary factors, transmissible diseases, population, world peace, etc.

The first place prize will be \$100; second place, \$40; third, \$20; and ten honorable mentions, \$10.

Rules of the contest follow: Length of essay—2,500, or not less than 1,000 words with bibliography included on last page of essay; Form—essay should be typed double spaced, although legibly written manuscripts will be accepted; Mailing—write name, school address, and home address on separate slips of paper and attach to essay. Contest closes May 31, 1954, and essay must be postmarked before midnight of that date.

Students wishing to participate in the contest should contact Mr. Dryer.

Nancy Ettinger to Serve As Assistant Director For Little Theater Group

Nancy Ettinger, a sophomore in Joplin Junior College, was recently selected for the position of assistant director of the new production which the Children's Theater is to present late in March. The musical play, entitled "The Emperor's New Clothes," is being sponsored by Joplin Little Theater. The cast includes forty district children.

Nancy starred in the J.J.C. fall production, "Madwoman of Chailot" in November.



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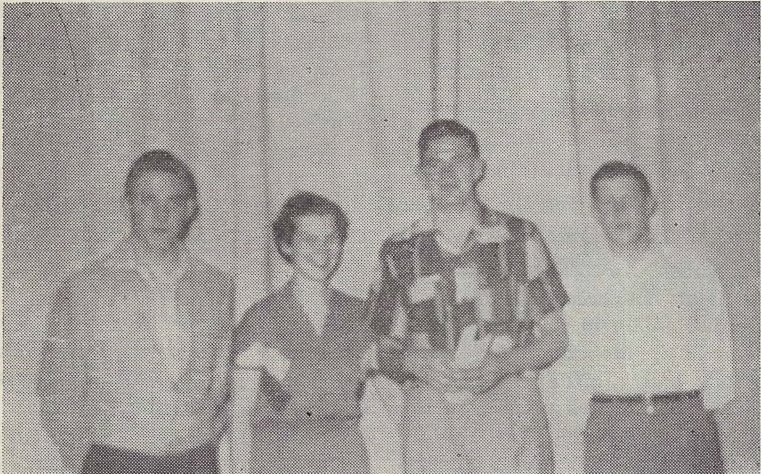
Two Seniors Win Scholarships In 'Dollars for Sense' Contest

The annual "Dollars for Sense" quiz program opened at Seneca, Missouri, Wednesday, February 4. The four Seneca High School seniors who competed for the one-year scholarship to Joplin Junior College were Bill Passley, Mike Elliott, Mary Ann Rourke, and

Gaylan Harrison. Gaylan Harrison was the winner.

Jeanine Hargis of J.J.C. modeled the costume from Christman's. She also assisted Mr. Jack Wallace, coach at Seneca High School, with the scorekeeping.

Seneca Contestants



Mike Elliott, Mary Ann Rourke, Galen Harrison, winner, Bill Passley

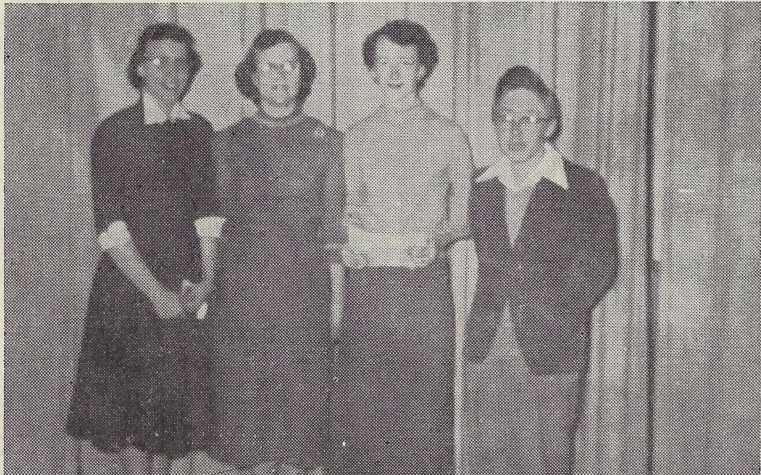
The second "Dollars for Sense" show was held at Sarcoxie High School, Wednesday, February 11. The contestants were Shirley Provins, Shirlee Pierce, Carroll Kennedy, and Carolyn Daugherty. Shirley Provins won.

Scorekeepers were Betty Cross

of Joplin Junior College, who also modeled Christman's outfit, and Mrs. Adabelle Coates, Senior sponsor at Sarcoxie High School.

The weekly "Dollars for Sense" program is broadcast over KFSB at 10:30 on Saturday morning.

Sarcoxie Contestants



Carolyn Daugherty, Shirlee Pierce, Shirley Provins, winner, Carroll Kennedy

Attention! College Men

All eligible students who intend to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test in 1954 should file applications at once for the April 22 administration,

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Sharps And Flats

Several members of Theta Mu Gamma went to Pittsburg, February 8 to see and hear the famous Reginald Kell Players. The group consists of Reginald Kell, foremost clarinetist of our age; a violinist; a cellist; and a pianist. Those who went to the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Ellis, Sara Gilstrap, Frances Cullers, Suzanne Jackson, Suzanne Ranum, Patsy Holland, Clint Land, and Betty Cross.

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Mr. Dean Dirkson of the University of Wichita visited the second year music majors of Joplin Junior College on Monday, February 15. He informed them of the necessary procedure for obtaining a scholarship to the University of Wichita.

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Members and pledges of Theta Mu Gamma met in Room 204 of Joplin Junior College, Tuesday evening, February 16. The Triple Trio sang, "I Hear America Singing"; Betty Cross played a clarinet solo, "Flight of the Bumblebee"; Harold Manker sang "The Wanderer"; Virginia Ehrenman played a piano solo, "Prelude in C Major" by Chopin; Frances Cullers sang "Chanson Norvegienne"; and Sara Gilstrap played an oboe solo, "Concerto in C Major" by Mozart.

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Duo-pianists will be featured in a free concert of the Civic Symphony orchestra Monday night at South Junior High School.

Students Taking State Government Conduct Survey on City Charter Vote

To discover the extent to which the campaign on the proposed city charter reached the voters of Joplin, the students of Mr. Arnold Irwin's State government classes, armed with questionnaires, conducted a study of community interest. Mr. Irwin had assigned class members to particular business districts and residential neighborhoods where, on Thursday, February 4, they interviewed persons qualified to vote.

In the analysis the voters were grouped into age categories of ten-year spans. Also the socio-economic groupings: averdents were grouped into three age, low, and high. Residence, occupation, and education of the voters determined the groupings.

The results indicated that the older a person is the more likely he is to vote. All ages agreed that the job of defining and debating the issues in the campaign had been sufficient. The one issue that predominated the thinking of all ages in the socio-economic groupings was home rule. Fewer

Scotch Charmers Entertain



The Royal Scots appeared in the Joplin Junior College auditorium Wednesday, February 25, under the auspices of the University of Kansas Bureau of Lectures and Concert Artists. The costumed performers presented folk songs, traditionals, several medleys from successful musical comedies, current American ballads, and novelty vocals from all over the world.

Each member of the team, be-

sides being talented as a vocalist, has been an instrumentalist at some time, and displayed his abilities in such media as concerts, radio, vaudeville, television, night clubs, summer theater, and Chicago's famed Civic Opera House.

Adding further to the program were the authentic costumes, which were specifically designed for "The Royal Scots." The pieces of attire were imported from Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Maurice Litton, Miss Dorothy Stone To Attend Meeting

Dr. Maurice L. Litton, dean of Joplin Junior College, and Miss Dorothy Stone, teacher of commercial subjects, will travel to St. Louis March 8, to attend the 1954 National Convention of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

Miss Stone will be a resource person for the "Curriculum Problems and Issues" group and she will take part in the discussion on curriculums in general business and secretarial work.

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Joplin Closes Season With 83-73 Victory Over St. Joe

Sport Shots

By Jack Brannan

Eddie Nealy, Joplin's 6-4 center, is beginning to make a habit of setting basketball scoring records in the Tri-State District. On Friday night, February 5, against Fort Smith Juco, Nealy tossed in 33 points to break Charley Kenney's year-old Joplin Junior College single-game scoring mark of 30 points. It was just about a year ago, too, that Nealy set a Big Nine Conference record by canning 50 points for Webb City High School in a game at Neosho.

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On the national scene, Frank Selvy of Furman is rewriting all the major college basketball records as he continues his amazing scoring pace. The 6-3 jump-shot artist hit 100 points on February 13 against Newberry College to break the old single-game scoring mark of 73 set by Bill Mikvy of Temple in 1951.

Selvy wouldn't be in the spotlight as much as he is, however, if the N.C.A.A. would recognize the scoring accomplishments of Bevo Francis, the gangling 6-9 sensation from little Rio Grande Junior College in Ohio. Since Rio Grande plays principally against two-year colleges, the association says that the caliber of competition isn't high enough for Bevo's records to be accepted.

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The Lions have a good chance of going to Hutchinson, Kan., in March to play in the National Junior College Tournament. The lads from Joplin have been seeded first place in the Missouri Regional Tournament at Jefferson City, and the winner of that tourney will play in the national meet, Hannibal-LaGrange, the conference champion and the strongest junior college team in Missouri, will be playing in Kentucky.

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Juco Lions Continue To Hold Magic Touch Over Non-Loop Foes

Taking a rest from heavy conference action during January, Joplin Junior College continued its mastery over non-league opponents during the first half of February by downing Fort Scott, Fort Smith, Miami, and Coffeyville. The Lions also took one out of two loop contests during the first part of the month.

On February 2, the night after bowing to Jefferson City in a league tilt, Joplin whipped Fort Scott's Greyhounds on the Kansas court, 80-69, as Bob Young and Eddie Neeley teamed up to account for 52 points between them.

Three nights later at Joplin, Nealy took matters into his own hands with a 33-point performance to lead the Lions to an easy 80-53 victory over Fort Smith Junior College.

The Lions chalked up their tenth win of the season and their fifth conference victory on February 9 when they trounced Bolivar, 60-49, on the North Junior hardwoods. Joplin led all the way and was paced by the 23-point shooting of Dick Humphrey.

The following night, the Lions took on a rough-playing quintet from Northeastern Oklahoma A. & M. of Miami and came through with a tight 62-61 victory. The Miamians didn't let the Lions get off many clean shots from the field, but Joplin cleaned up at the free throw line by hitting 42 charity baskets. Nealy again paced the Joplin scorers with 22 points on four field goals and 14 free tosses.

Joplin finished out the first half of the month on February 12 by taking a 71-67 decision at Coffeyville. The Lions had to fight from behind all the way but used a 27-point second quarter to good advantage. Nealy took individual honors with 21 points and Young followed closely behind with 19.

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Jefferson City	6	4	.600
Moberly	5	5	.500
St. Joseph	3	7	.300
Bolivar	0	10	.000

Joplin Junior College brought its highly-successful 1953-54 basketball season to a close last Monday night on the North Junior High School Court with an 83-73 conference victory over the St. Joseph Griffons—the same team that defeated the Lions 81-77 in their season opener last December.

The win gave the Lions a 14-and-5 record for the year and a 6-and-4 conference mark. By whipping the Griffons, Joplin also tied with Jefferson City for second place in the Missouri Public Junior College Conference standings behind first-place Hannibal-LaGrange.

Bob Young led Joplin's scoring attack against St. Joseph as he flipped in seven field goals and seven charity tosses for 21 points. Don Steele tossed in 18 points for the Lions in his best scoring night of the year.

With 14 points, Eddie Nealy pushed his season's total to 338 markers for a 17.7 average and the scoring lead on the Joplin squad.

The Lions broke even in two non-conference games played on the road last week. The University of Arkansas freshman squad handed the Lions a 73-64 setback on Wednesday night, but Joplin bounced back on the next night to humiliate Fort Smith Juco, 89-38. The split gave Joplin an 8-and-1 record for the year in non-league competition.

The Lions will leave Joplin Wednesday morning to play in the post-season Missouri Regional Junior College Tournament which opens Wednesday night at Jefferson City.

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Felling	1	1	2	3
B. Mason	3	4	4	10
Nearney	5	1	2	11
Kalin	6	1	4	13
D. Mason	0	0	3	0
Soperia	5	2	4	12
Powell	2	2	5	6



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Joplin Lions Seeded First In State Tourney at Jeff City

With their hopes resting on a first-place seeding, Joplin's Junior College Lions will leave Wednesday for Jefferson City to play in the annual Missouri Regional Basketball tournament which opens there Wednesday night.

Not only will the Lions be shooting to improve on their season record of 14 wins and 5 losses, but they will be aiming for the right to play in the National Junior College Regional Tournament to be held later in March at Hutchinson, Kan.

Behind Joplin in the pre-tourney predictions, Moberly was seeded second and Jefferson City was third. Other teams entered in the six-team tournament are St. Joseph, Southwest Missouri Baptist of Bolivar, and Wentworth Military Academy. The Lions have whipped Moberly and Bolivar twice this year and have split two-game engagements with St. Joseph and Jefferson City.

Louis Cowan Secretary of Distributive Education Club

The D. E. club elected a new secretary, Louis Cowan, February 12, to replace Jeannine Hargis who has changed courses and is no longer in D. E.

Rose Totals				
	5	8	4	18
	27	19	28	73
Joplin				
	FG	FT	PF	TP
Young	7	7	3	21
Humphrey	8	2	5	18
Nealy	5	4	5	14
Steele	6	6	2	18
Lundstrum	1	1	2	3
Allan	2	1	5	5
Ruede	0	0	0	0
Carnes	0	4	2	4
Totals	29	25	24	83
Score by quarters:				
St. Joseph	20	21	15	17.73
Joplin	19	33	20	11.83

Bolivar will play St. Joseph at 7:00 o'clock on opening night in the first tournament game, and the Lions will meet Wentworth at 9:15 o'clock in the second tilt.

Coach Don Testerman has announced that he will take Bob Young, Eddie Neeley, Don Steele, Dick Humphrey, Jimmy Allan, Dick Hammond, Don Lundstrum and Bob Carnes on the trip.

Three New Players Strengthen J.J.C. Roster

Starting off the second semester with a full schedule of games, Coach Don Testerman received three new players. Reporting from the football team was 6-3 Don Lundstrum who was alternating first string forward. Don, better known to his fans as "Goose", is a native of Joplin and last year played for the Joplin High School Eagles.

Coming to the team from the University of Arkansas was 5-10 Ben Hormel. Ben plays forward and will be a valuable asset through the remaining games. Transferring from the University of Missouri was 6-3 Dick Hammond. Dick plays forward and has made a very good showing in his first games.

With these three new players to back up an already good team, Joplin Junior College will be at its best through the final stretch of this season.

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